

Amendment dated 09/26/05
Response to Office Action dated 05/26/05

Application No. 10/662,037

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-9 are rejected by this Office Action. Claims 10-19 are allowed. Applicant is canceling claims 1-9.

The present patent application is a continuation application of Application No. 09/320,816 (granted as US Patent No. 6,721,713) filed on May 27, 1999.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action alleges that the IDS filed on December 20, 2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). As indicated in the IDS, the present patent application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/320,816 (granted as US Patent No. 6,721,713). In accordance with MPEP 609.I.A.2, the examiner will consider prior art that has been considered by the Office in a parent application. The Applicants filed the IDS on December 20, 2004 so that the cited prior art will print on the patent that issues from the present patent application. Accordingly, foreign patents JP 6-274504 and WO 97/21179 and publication Stein, Tom; Manufacturing should be considered because all of the above-mentioned references were considered in the parent application 09/320,816.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-9 are rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant is canceling claims 1-9 without prejudice.

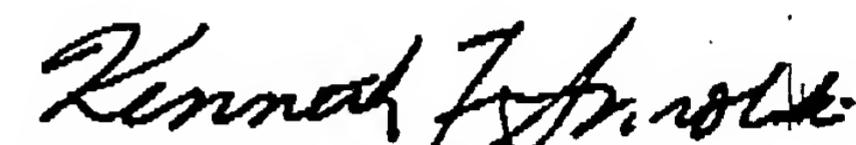
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All objections and rejections have been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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